



INVESTING IN Ohio's Communities

The success that the state is experiencing during **Ohio's Time** in history must also be reflected in our individual communities. Because the DeWine-Husted Administration believes that a key function of state government is to support local communities, the new budget invests in housing infrastructure, natural resources, and the overall safety and security of local neighborhoods.

Safety and Security

NEXT GENERATION 911

Ohio will complete the **\$45.9 million** infrastructure for Next Generation 9-1-1, which will allow citizens to contact 9-1-1 via text message, smartwatches and other wearable technology, home security systems, and vehicle systems. The new technology will better direct emergency calls made from cell phones to the correct jurisdiction and improve response times.



DRIVER TRAINING

New programming focusing on increased accessibility to driver training and stronger driver education will receive **\$6 million** per fiscal year.



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Volunteer firefighters will be supported through waived fees, increased equipment and training grants, and online training.



POLICE TRAINING

Governor DeWine is focused on ensuring that Ohio law enforcement officers have top-notch training opportunities, and this budget includes **\$40 million** per year for law enforcement officer continuing professional training as recommended by the Law Enforcement Training Funding Study Commission. In addition, the Ohio Department of Public Safety will receive funding to create a state-wide law enforcement accreditation program to support local agencies that work to meet the highest levels of professionalism.



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Safety and Security (cont.)



988 Suicide Lifeline

\$46.5 million will fund 988, the new three-digit number that connects callers to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.



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\$13.1 million will expand the Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center to support the investigation of drug-related violent crimes.



MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (MARCS)

To help ensure that Ohio's first responders can easily communicate and coordinate responses during emergencies, Ohio's new operating budget will reduce the cost of local government users for the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) with **\$21 million** over the biennium.

Housing Infrastructure



TAX CREDITS

\$100 million in tax credits per fiscal year will go toward the development and rehabilitation of low-income multi-family rental housing projects that increase the affordable housing supply. The credits are part of a four-year program



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The supply of affordable single-family housing will also be supported with a new tax credit in this budget. Qualifying projects will be eligible for tax credits totaling **\$50 million** per fiscal year. These credits are part of a four year program totaling **\$200 million**.



HOME OWNERSHIP SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Ohioans planning to purchase a home will be able to open a home ownership savings account. Homeowners and prospective home buyers, their families, and their employers will be able to contribute to an account and be eligible to deduct such contributions on their Ohio personal income tax return.

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Protecting Ohio's Resources



The executive budget provides **\$111.5 million** each fiscal year to continue the work of H2Ohio, which is Governor DeWine's comprehensive, data-driven approach to improving Ohio's water quality over the long term. Concerted efforts by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the Ohio Lake Erie Commission ensure safe and clean water for all Ohioans. In addition, a new H2Ohio initiative will improve the quality of waters specifically in Ohio's rivers.



Through the H2Ohio Rivers Initiative, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources will protect streamside habitats, monitor aquatic species, and repair streams impacted by acid mine drainage. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency will also take part in this program by surveying contaminants and working to reduce salt and chloride in streams and river areas. The budget includes **\$23.4 million** annually for these efforts.



WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
\$124 million will be directed toward addressing critical water infrastructure projects in Ohio communities.



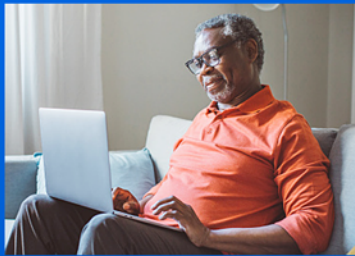
BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION
\$350 million will support the Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program to clean up and prepare hazardous brownfield sites for redevelopment.



Building Demolition and Site Revitalization

\$150 million will go toward the Ohio Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program to help local communities demolish dilapidated commercial and residential buildings and revitalize surrounding properties to attract investments, businesses, and jobs.

Strong Local Communities



PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The fiscal stability of local governments and public libraries is extremely important to Ohio's well-being. The budget continues Governor DeWine's commitment to Ohio's local governments and public libraries by permanently increasing shared revenue to these critical local partners.

QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SENIORS

The budget prioritizes the use of one-time federal funding to counties to foster improved quality of life for seniors so they can remain in their homes and connected to their communities. A **\$40 million** grant for a pilot program will allow seniors to delay entry into Medicaid, preserve their assets, and promote healthy, independent, active lifestyles.



ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

More than **\$9 million** over the biennium will be dedicated to anti-human trafficking initiatives for emergency housing, specialized training for foster parents, grants to organizations providing direct support to survivors of human trafficking, and additional resources for anti-trafficking law enforcement efforts.

RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS

To fix more than a dozen hazardous railroad grade crossings around the state, the operating budget provides **\$100 million**.



INDIGENT DEFENSE

Governor DeWine remains committed to providing counties 100% reimbursement for the cost of providing legal defense for people accused or convicted of a crime who cannot afford an attorney. The operating budget includes **\$338 million** over the biennium to continue the support of indigent defense.



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